1	2
4. Muddanuru—Kondapuram	
5. Rayalcheruvu—Guntakal Via Gooty	
6. Matmari—Raichur	
7. Raichur—Yermaras	
8. Krishna-Wadi	
9. Wadi-Gulbaraga	
10. Daund-Pune	
11. Pune-Mumbai	

Sections yet to be Doubled	Sections yet to be Electrified
1. Balapalle-Bhakarapeta	1. Pune-Wadi-Guntakal
2. Guddapah-Muddanuru	2. Guntakal -Renigunta
3. Kondapuram-Rayalcheruvu	
4. Guntakal-Matmari	
5. Yermaras-Krishna	
6. Gulbarga-Bhigwan	
7. Bhigwan-Daund (doubling in progress)	

(b) There has been no delay.

(c) Doubling of Daund-Bhigwan section has been taken up. Survey for doubling of Gooty-Renigunta section has been taken up and further consideration of the project will be possible, once the results of the survey become available. The survey report for doubling of Raichur-Guntakal section has been received and is being examined in consultation with the Zonal Railway. The present capacity available on the remaining single line sections between Chennai and Mumbai are considered adequate to handle the current level of traffic and doubling of these sections would be taken up as and when the traffic requirements so warrant.

A cost-cum-feasibility survey for the electrification of Pune-Wadi-Guntakal section has been taken up. Final decision to electrify this section will be taken on receipt of the survey report. Guntakal-Renigunta which is a part of Renigunta-Hospet electrification project is pended at present, due to constraint of resources and relative priority for electrification of other high density routes.

Trichur-Guruvayur Rail Line

247. SHRI N.N.KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the point at which the Trichur-Guruvayur line is to joint the trunk line under southern Railway; and

(b) the details of the survey of newly proposed line from pattambi to Guruvayur or Kuttipuram to Guruvayur ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Shoranur-Mangalore doubling project envisaged doubling between Mangalore and Kuttipuram and construction of a new line from Kuttipuram to Guruvayur. As such, this work was sanctioned as a doubling project. Now as it has been decided to double the track right upto Shoranur, this line becomes a new line project. The survey report of 1994 is being updated to enable requisite clearances being obtained. The point at which the line will join the Shoranur-Mangalore main line wil be decided on receipt of the updated survey.

Legislation for Energy Sources

248. SHRI MADAN PATIL : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to bring forth a legislation for energy sources ;

(b) if so, the details therof and the reasons behind the proposed legislation; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has initiated action for formulation of a comprehensive Renewable Energy policy with a view to utilise the large potential of renewable energy in the country. As a first step, a 'Renewable Evergy Policy Statement' has been drafted. Further course of action will depend on the policy approved by the Government.

[Translation]

Journey performed by Union Ministers

249. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Union Ministers who performed air journeys by the aeroplanes owned by the ministry/ governmental organisation or any other institutions from January to October, 1997 alongwith the dates of such journeys;

(b) whether the individual Minister used separate aircrafts for reaching the same destination of the same day;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the rules made by the Union Government with regard to the use of aircrafts other than those of the Indian Airlines and other Airlines and whether these rules are being followed by them; and

(e) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on their journeys perofrmed during 1997 till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected.

[English]

Construction of bridge over River Brahmaputra at Jogighopa

250. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the bridge over Brahmaputra at Jogighopa is likely to be completed by December 1997 ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Railway line from Jogighopa to Guwahati is likely to be completed by the end of 1998; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes,Sir, subject to availability of resources.

(d) Does not arise.

Auction of Uncleared Cargo

251. SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Airports Authority of India has auctioned the uncleared cargo at Mumbai,Delhi,Chennai and Calcutta airports ; and

(b) if so, the proceeds received so far from such auctions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) and (b) Yes,Sir. The auction of uncleared cargo at Mumbai and Delhi has already started. The process of auction in Chennai and Calcutta shall begin from the last week of November,1997. The proceeds received upto 8th November 1997 at Mumbai is Rs. 6,61,06,029/- and at IGI Airport, Delhi is Rs. 1,39,05,016/-.

Height of T.V. Tower at Dibrugarh

252. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the height of the T.V. Tower at Dibrugarh (Assam) in order to facilitate more viewers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) The transmitting antenna of the 10 KW High power TV transmitter (HPT) at Dibrugarh had to be mounted on a 75 m tower as against the normal tower height of 150 m for such HPTS, due to height restriction by the standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation (SACFA). The matter has been taken up again with SACFA and any increase in tower height would depend on clearance by the concerned authorities.

[Translation]

HPT at Ajmer in Rajasthan

253. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in setting up of High Power Transmitter in Ajmer, Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for keeping the work pending; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be taken up and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) The Scheme for setting up a High power TV transmitter (HPT) at Taragarh Fort Hill in Ajmer has been approved by the competent authority and equipment was also procured. The scheme could not be taken up for implementation earlier for want of approach road to the HPT site and the objections raised by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). The approach road has since been completed. Work on the site has already commenced. The project is expected to be completed by 2000-2001.

[English]

Suburban Passengers

254. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of suburban passengers travelled in Delhi, Mumbai,Calcutta and Chennai during 1995-96 and 1996-97, Metro-wise;